

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 2, please amend the paragraph as follows:

This is a Continuation of Application No. 10/077,693, filed February 15, 2002 which is a Continuation of Application No. 09/990,420 filed on November 21, 2001 and resulting in U.S. Patent No. 6,368,271 ~~which is a Continuation in Part of U.S. Application No. 09/654,400 filed on September 1, 2000 and resulting in U.S. Patent No. 6,315,718 which claims priority of Provisional Application No. 60/157,448 filed on October 4, 1999.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8 and ending on page 5, line 16 as follows:

To provide adequate support around the shoulder while maintaining access to the shoulder to be operated upon, the generally J-shaped member 16 is attached to the support member 14 as illustrated in FIG. 1. The generally J-shaped member 16 includes an arcuate portion 18 proximate a first end 19, a substantially straight middle portion 20 and an outwardly extending portion 22 proximate a second end 21. An engaging portion 24 which engages the support member 14 is positioned substantially perpendicular to the outwardly extending portion 22. The engaging portion 24 is designed to engage the docking member disclosed in U.S. Application No. 09/654,400 ~~from which this application is a continuation in part and~~ and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,315,718, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 17 and ending on page 5, line 26 as follows:

Referring to FIGS. 1 and 4, the generally J-shaped member 16 includes substantially uniformly spaced apart apertures 26 along the arcuate portion 18 proximate a first end 19 and also the substantially straight middle portion 20. A T-shaped member 28 having a plurality of apertures 30 along the long portion 32 of the T-shaped member 28 is operably attached to the generally J-shaped member 16. The T-shaped member 28 includes first and second pegs 36, 38 proximate first and second ends ~~40, 39~~, 42, respectively, of a short portion 34, as illustrated in FIG. 4. The first and

second pegs 36, 38 engage the uniformly spaced apart apertures 26 in the generally J-shaped member 16 such that the T-shaped member 28 is positionable along the generally J-shaped member 16.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 3, and ending on page 7, line 9 as follows:

The gearbox assembly 56 includes a gearbox casing 58 attached to an outer casing 60. The outer casing 60 is preferably U-shaped and includes the bottom surface 54 to which the pin 52 is attached, a top surface 62 and a first side surface 64. The gearbox casing 58 includes first and second shoulders ~~66~~69, 68 which contact a first end 59 and a second end 61 of the outer casing 60. The shoulders 66, 68 are designed such that each shoulder is even with the top and bottom surfaces 62, 54, when the gearbox casing 58 engages the outer casing 60.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 25 and ending on page 10, line 6 as follows:

A push rod 114 extends through the length of the channel 93 within the retractor handle 91. A first end 113 of the push rod 114 is disposed through an aperture at the handle end 89 of the retractor handle 90. A first shoulder ~~114~~115 proximate the first end 113 contacts the aperture, thereby fixing the push rod 114 in a selected position with respect to the retractor handle 90 while maintaining rotatability of the push rod 114. A washer 118 is disposed over the first end 113 of the push rod 114 and a knob 116 is fixedly attached to the first end 113 of the push rod 114. The washer 118 prevents the handle end 89 of the retractor handle 90 from going a surface of the knob 116 and binding the knob 116 to the handle end 89 of the retractor handle 90.